GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF STIMULANTS BY SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sports persons are alleged to have used stimulants in the National Games and Athletic meets including those of schools held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken against such persons; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for the promotion of Athletics?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) Government has received no specific complaint against particular sports persons for use of drugs
(b) Question does not arise.
(c) With a view to promoting athletics in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes such as Rural Sports Festival, North East Sports Festival, National Sports Talent Contest, Army Boys Sports Companies, Special Area Games and SAI Training Centres.Talented athletes under these schemes are identified and nurtured for achieving excellence in sports
Further, the Amateur Athletic Federation of India also holds Sub-junior, Junior and Senior National Athletic Championships, Permit Meets and other National/International level competitions to encourage Indian athletes to give better performances.The required scientific support in terms of sports physiology, psychology, Kinsiology, Bio-Mechanics, Anthropometry, Nutrition and Sports Medicine also made available to the promising athletes.
Keeping in view the objective of improving India`s performance in international competitions and in the forthcoming Olympics 2000 and Asian Games/Commonwealth Games 2002, the Government has also finalised the Long Term Development Programmes in consultation with Sports Authority of India and National Sports Federations with a view to having a systematic plan for achieving excellence in international sports competitions.